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FOR UNDERSECRETARY SISCO FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID ECRE EG

SUBJ: POSSIBLE ROLE FOR CORPS OF ENGINEERS
IN SUEZ CANAL REHABILITATION

REF: STATE 211686

1. I MUCH APPRECIATE POSITIVE RESPONSE CONTAINED
REFTEL. AS YOU KNOW, BASED ON MY SAUDI EXPERIENCE
I REGARD COE ASSISTANCE AS A GREAT ASSET TO OUR
EFFORTS ABROAD. I ONLY WISH THEY CAME A LITTLE
MORE CHEAPLY.

2. MASHOUR HAS BEEN IN SUEZ CANAL AREA PAST
WEEK OR SO, BUT IS EXPECTED BACK NEXT FEW DAYS.
BEFORE APPROACHING HIM, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL
TO HAVE ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:
A. WAS ANY MENTION MADE DURING RECENT AID
TALKS WITH EGYPTIANS IN WASHINGTON THAT \$50
MILLION TENTATIVELY EAR-MARKED FOR SUEZ CANAL
WOULD BE A LOAN RATHER THAN A GRANT? ADDITIONALLY,
WAS ANY MENTION MADE DURING THOSE TALKS OF OUR
INTENTION TO MAKE THAT A PART OF LARGER LOAN
PACKAGE THROUGH IBRD? OR AM I MENTIONING THIS

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TO MASHOUR FOR THE FIRST TIME?

B. RE PARA 7 REFTTEL, OUR MESSAGE INDICATES
TOTAL COST SIX ENGINEERS 90 DAYS AT "\$11,000
EACH", INCLUDING SALARY ALLOWANCES, PER DIEM
AND TRAVEL. I MAY BE WRONG, BUT THIS SEEMS
SOMEWHAT LOW. WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING
RECONFIRMATION THAT WE WILL BE ASKING MASHOUR
TO PAY, IF HE WISHES THIS SERVICE, A TOTAL OF
\$66,000 AND NO OTHER EXPENSES.

3. MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS
MATTER.
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